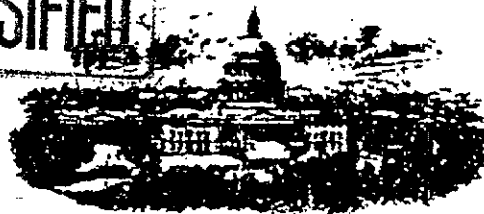E889A

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His Excellency Yuriy V. Dubinin
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Enclosed is a letter to General Secretary Mihail Gorbachev which has been signed by over 110 of my colleagues in the United States Congress. I ask that you convey this letter to the General Secretary. I am also enclosing a copy of this letter for you. Our letter requests a favorable resolution of the case of Raoul Wallenberg. As I am sure you know, the American people attach great significance to this particular human rights case. Six years ago, the Congress adopted legislation granting honorary American citizenship to Raoul Wallenberg.

I assume that you are familiar with the background of Raoul Wallenberg. He saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from extermination by German and Hungarian Nazis in the closing days of World War II. In January 1945, after Budapest was taken by Soviet troops, Wallenberg was taken prisoner by Soviet Forces. Although Soviet authorities stated that he died in 1947, other Soviet prisoners reported seeing Wallenberg in Soviet prisons as recently as a few years ago. I believe he still lives.

I am also giving a copy of this letter to Secretary of State George P. Shultz and to Speaker of the House Jim Wright. I have asked that they raise this matter with General Secretary Gorbachev and other Soviet leaders on their forthcoming visits to the Soviet Union.

Cordially,

Tom Lantos
Member of Congress